

# Public Health Bulletin

## Chesapeake Health Department

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### Subject: Rabid Raccoon in Chesapeake

On Sept. 5, 2008 a raccoon was found in the 100 block of Van Luik Ct. in Chesapeake. The raccoon was caught and tested positive for rabies. The raccoon was involved with a dog on the premises. The dog is currently being quarantined and is up-to-date on its vaccination for rabies and has also received a booster vaccination.

If you have a wild animal on your property, contact Virginia Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) at (804-829-6580) after hours and weekends call (804-367-1258). If you have a sick or injured wild animal on your property, contact Chesapeake Police Dispatch (757-382-6161).

This is the 74th confirmed case of rabies in Chesapeake since 1988 (3 cats, 2 bats, 54 raccoons & 15 foxes).

	1988 to 1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
# Positive Rabies Cases	10	6	4	11	10	5	2	3	1	1	5	3	3	10
#Persons Receiving Rabies Prophylaxis	-	26	13	32	8	10	6	8	1	0	18	10	12	8

#### The following precautions are recommended:

**Be sure dogs and cats are up-to-date on vaccinations.**

Keep pets confined to home or yard.

Keep yards free of food that could attract wildlife.

Do not handle or touch stray animals or wildlife.

Warn children to report any animal bites or scratches.

Report stray or unvaccinated animals.

Report all animal bites to the Chesapeake Health Department **(382-8672)**

**OR** Chesapeake Animal Control **(382-8080)**

Please feel free to call the Health Department if you have any questions.

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